MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday 20th February 1963.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA, B.A., B.L.) in the Chair

STARRED QUESTIONS
(to which oral answers were given)

Constitution of the State Development Council.

*Q.—28. **Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI** (Afzalpur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Development Council has been constituted for the State and if so, when ;

(*b*) what are its functions ;

(*c*) how many meetings have been held so far and the decisions taken thereat ?

*A.—**Sri S. R. KANTHI** (Minister for Education) [on behalf of SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) The State Development Council was constituted on 12th August 1957.

(*b*) To review and guide in regard to the actual implementation of the plans.

(*c*) Eight meetings have been held so far. The State Development Council being an advisory body, the question of its taking decisions does not arise.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know when the present members were nominated to this Development Council ?

†**Sri S. R. KANTHI.**—In the month of June last year.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—Since then has no meeting taken place ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Sir, one meeting has taken place and the Hon'ble Member was also present.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—Has this Council any say in the evaluation of the Plan ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—It has power to go into the evaluation of the Plan.

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Who are the Members of the Council Sir ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Sir, there is a Notification to that effect.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—What kind of guidance does it give in the actual implementation of the Plan Sir ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—It all depends upon how the implementation takes place. The Members are there to guide the Government in the implementation.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Does it guide the Government to secure adequate Central assistance also ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Of course, it can guide in that respect also.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the advice tendered by this Development Council on various schemes ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is too wide a question.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—At least with reference to securing adequate funds from the Centre, may I know the advice tendered ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Sir, it is a large question. If the Hon'ble Member gives notice, I will supply the information.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Unless there is any objection, will the Hon'ble Minister place a copy of the Proceedings of the meeting on the Table of the House ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Yes, Sir ; there is nothing confidential.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—You say 8 meetings have been held. May I know whether the decisions taken by the Council have been accepted by the Government and if so, whether all the decisions are accepted ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Sir, it is not possible to accept all the decisions ; some of them are accepted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Hon'ble Member asks a general question with regard to a series of matters that came up and the decisions taken and all that it is not possible to reply.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—What were the questions placed before the State Development Council in the last meeting and what was the specific advice tendered at that meeting ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Sir, the Hon'ble Member himself was present at the meeting.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—It is not for me but it is meant for the House also.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will permit some other Member to put that question. You must ask for information which you do not know.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Sir, in how many cases the advice given by that Council has been implemented or taken due cognisance of by the Government ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—It is too wide a question.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Let me confine my question to the recent meeting.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—If the Hon'ble Member wants a copy of the proceedings, I will place it on the Table ; the question is too wide.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, may I know what happened in the last meeting ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Sir, I have already replied that the proceedings would be placed on the Table of the House.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Sir, in view of the great importance of the advice tendered by the Council on the plans can the Government think it worthwhile sending copies of the proceedings to all the Members of this House ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—If it is placed on the Table of the House, it is sufficient ; I will ask two copies to be placed.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—How many plans were discussed and how many implemented ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—I have already said that the proceedings would be placed on the floor of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.— The copy may be placed on the Table of the House; I would not allow the copy to be placed on the Floor of the House. (*Laughter*)

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Yes, Sir.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—Is it not a fact that the Hon'ble Finance Minister while answering one of my questions said that the Evaluation Committee was not necessary for evaluating the plan schemes but a sub-committee would be formed in the Development Council which will give the evaluated plan ? Is it correct ?

Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—Sir, "if necessary", I said.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know why question (b) has not been fully answered ? There are four specific functions which are entrusted to the Development Council but only one has been mentioned here.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Of course it includes more things:

To supervise and guide the various departments in the implementation of the plan programme ;

Co-ordinating the activities of the various departments in this connection and remove any bottleneck ;

To review the work done by the various departments in the District Development Boards and give them necessary guidance ;

To make arrangement for evaluation of the work done by the various departments whenever and wherever it is necessary and to take any other steps.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Why was it not included in the answer is the question.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—More or less, it is the same thing.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, this is an important question and this may kindly be held over till the Chief Minister comes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no need to with-hold the question. Whether it comes from the mouth of the Chief Minister or that of any other Minister, it is equally important. But, if I find that anything more is needed than the answers given now, I will with-hold the question.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the reconstituted Development Council is staffed with the Members of the Congress Party alone ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—No, Sir.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—May I know the evaluation done by this Development Council and is there any report of the Evaluation Committee submitted ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—There is no Evaluation Sub-Committee as such ; the evaluation was made by the Development Council itself.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—May I know whether there is any report as a result of the evaluation made by this Committee ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Before the meeting of the Development Council takes place every time we place the material before them.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—May I bring it to the notice of the Minister that no evaluation committee has been appointed for any department?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—I have already answered that question.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know whether the members of the State Development Council have been given any opportunity to look into the actual wastages in the prosecution of the plans and whether they have been given an opportunity to see whether any delay has occurred in the implementation of any of the plans?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The functions of the Development Council are very wide. So far as advice is concerned, all the materials are being placed before them and if an Honourable member has expressed an opinion, that will be a sort of advice to the Government.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Has it been possible for the Development Council to review particular projects and particular programmes at a particular meeting?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—No. It is not like that. We give information of every department and the members are asked to express their opinion on that.

Sri V. M. DEO.—In view of the supervisory powers conferred on the State Development Council, have I to infer that the Government has persistently come in the way of any supervision and things like that?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The honourable Member is free to infer anything he likes.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Since it is stated that the Development Council is an advisory body, could it supervise or review the plan schemes?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—In a regional capacity, it can.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—When the Council met last time, what were

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The proceedings will be placed on the Table of the House.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Are we to understand that the Development Council is only to receive the report and superficially to look into it and not go deep into each matter that is referred to?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—I cannot help the Hon'ble Member drawing such an inference, but it is not a fact.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ತಾನೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಆ ಡೆವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲ್ಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಮೆಂಬರುಗಳಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಆ ಸಮಿತಿಯು ಗಾತ್ರವೆಷ್ಟು? ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿದ್ದಾರೆ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Honourable Minister has got the names of members who constitute the Council, he may give them.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—There are 25 non-officials. The G. O. is there.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Excepting one, all others are congress people. Is it a fact?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The Leader of the Opposition is there. Sriyuts: Kodanda Rao, N. S. Hiranniah, B. G. Kempanna are there: The President of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce is not a Congressman. The Vice-Chancellor of the Karnatak University is not a Congressman. The Vice-Chancellor of the Mysore University is not a Congressman.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Was the State Development Council which had a meeting some days back, satisfied with the progress that is made in the first three years of the Third Five Year Plan?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The proceedings will speak for themselves. Different opinions have been expressed.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕೆ. ಎಸ್. ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ.—ಆ ಸಮಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಂಗನರೆಷ್ಟು ಜನರಿದ್ದಾರೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಕಂಠಿ.—ಇಬ್ಬರು—ಮೂವರು ಹೆಂಗನರು ಸದಸ್ಯರಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಖೆಯ ಉಪಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸೋಷಿಯಲ್ ವೆಲ್‌ಫೇರ್ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನವರೊಬ್ಬರಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—In view of the fact that the House has evinced more interest in the deliberations of the Development Committee, do the Government consider constituting a smaller sub-committee of that committee and make it a more effective and deliberative body?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—So far as the sub-committee question is concerned, it is for the Development Council to consider. It can form any sub-committees it likes.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know whether the Bible of Sri Jatti the Resoures and Economy Committee has suggested to set up an independent evaluation committee and whether the Government of India has suggested this?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The Honourable Member says that the Resources and Economy Committee is the Bible of Sri Jatti; If it is the Bible of Sri Jatti; it is also the Bible of Sri Jatti, it is also the Bible of Sri Anna Rao.